

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HEIDI KELLERHALS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MAIRA RUELAS, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 1:20-CV-01279-NONE-EPG

SCREENING ORDER

ORDER FINDING SERVICE OF  
COMPLAINT APPROPRIATE AND  
FORWARDING SERVICE DOCUMENTS TO  
PLAINTIFF

(ECF No. 1)

On August 8, 2020, Plaintiff Heidi Kellerhals ("Plaintiff"), proceeding *in forma pauperis*, filed the complaint commencing this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Court has screened Plaintiffs' complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) and finds that the complaint sufficiently states cognizable claims against Defendants Ruelas, Gonzalez and Tulare County under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to proceed past the screening stage. The Court also finds the complaint appropriate for service of process.

Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1) Service is appropriate for the following defendants:
  - a. Maira Ruelas
  - b. Brennan Gonzalez
  - c. Tulare County

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2) The Clerk of Court shall SEND Plaintiffs three (3) USM-285 forms; three (3) summons; a Notice of Submission of Documents form; an instruction sheet; and one (1) copy of the complaint filed on September 6, 2020 (ECF No. 1).

3) Within **thirty (30) days** from the date of service of this order, Plaintiff shall complete the attached Notice of Submission of Documents and submit the completed Notice to the Court with the following documents:

a. A completed summons for each Defendant;

b. A completed USM-285 form for each Defendant; and

c. Four (4) copies of the complaint filed on September 6, 2020 (ECF No. 1).

4) Plaintiff need not attempt service on Defendants and need not request waiver of service.

Upon receipt of the above-described documents, the Court will direct the United States Marshals Service to serve Defendants pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 without payment of costs.

5) Alternatively, Plaintiff may serve any or all Defendants herself. If Plaintiff chooses this option, Plaintiff shall notify the Court within **thirty (30) days** that she will be serving any or all Defendants with the assistance of her counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 10, 2020

/s/ Eric P. Goss  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE